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SECRET 100625Z  
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REF 25X1X7 (CIB 18 MAY)

1. AT MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING DRAFT ITEM PRESENTED  
BASED ON CABLE FROM FROM BRIEFING BY 25X1X7  
MR SULLIVAN OF STATE. DECIDED HOLD ITEM TILL NEXT WEEK AND 25X1X7  
SEEK CIA EVALUATION AND COMMENT. ITEM FOLLOWS:

"IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN LAOS TWO VEHICLE ROUTES,  
APPARENTLY DEVELOPED DURING LAST DRY SEASON, REPORTEDLY HAVE  
BEEN DETECTED BY US. ROUTES LEAD SOUTH- 25X1D0a  
EAST FROM TCHEPONE AND ATTOPEU TOWARD SOUTH VIETNAMESE  
BORDER, AND VEHICLE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN NOTED BOTH DAY  
AND NIGHT. WE UNABLE SAY HOW PATHET LAO OBTAIN ACCESS TO  
ROAD FROM ATTOPEU AS ROUTES FROM NORTH VIETNAM WHICH LINK UP WITH  
IT ARE DEFACTUALLY SUBJECT TO RIGHT-WING CONTROL IN SARAVANE  
AND ATTOPEU. IT POSSIBLE, THEREFORE, THAT AN UNDISCLOSED  
ROUTE EXISTS PERMITTING BY-PASSING SARAVANE AND ATTOPEU, OR  
THAT RLA CONTROL THESE TOWNS IS INEFFECTIVE.

EXTENSION OF VEHICLE ROUTES FROM TCHEPONE AND ATTOPEU  
WOULD INCREASE VIET CONG OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM.  
EXISTENCE OF VEHICLE ROUTE WHICH BY-PASSES SARAVANE AND  
ATTOPEU WOULD HELP EXPLAIN WHY PATHET LAO HAVE NOT ATTACKED THESE  
TWO TOWNS, WHICH EXTEND GOVERNMENT CONTROL INTO AREAS WHERE  
PATHET LAO INFLUENCE IS USUALLY PARAMOUNT."

2. PLEASE COMMENT ON ACCURACY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF REPORT 23 MSTR (action)  
AND PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO. Para 1-5

3. PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE COORDINATES (BEGINNING, END AND  
SEVERAL IN BETWEEN) OF IMPROVED EXISTING ROAD IN NORTH VIETNAM  
RUNNING FROM ROUTE 12 TO DMZ AS REPORTED IN REF. 4 21/26 action  
Para 5

4. CURRENTLY WORKING UP STUDY FOR SEATO USE ON ROADS 56 CSS  
NORTH VIETNAM AND LAOS. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY 7 SARAR  
SEPARATE CABLE ANY NEW INFORMATION BASED ON RECENT AND FUTURE

PHOTOGRAPHY  
5. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER CIA/RR CB 64-29 CAN BE RELEASED  
25X1X7

6. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO PARA TWO ABOVE BY 1200Z  
15 JUNE.

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CFN 100625Z 140 13 MAY  
MR SULLIVAN STATE CIA CENTRAL SOUTHERN LAOS TWO US SOUTH- 25X1X7  
EAST TCHEPONE ATTOPEU SOUTH VIETNAMESE UNABLE PATHET LAO  
ATTOPEU NORTH VIETNAM SARAVANE ATTOPEU AN SARAVANE ATTOPEU RLA  
TCHEPONE SOUTH VIETNAM SARAVANE ATTOPEU PATHET LAO NOT ATTACKED  
PATHET LAO NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 12 DMZ REF SEATO NORTH 25X1X7  
VIETNAM LAOS CIA/RR CB 64-29 PARA TWO 1200Z 15 JUNE  
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